

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Treatment Technique Requirements Not Met For Voorhees High School

We violated a drinking water requirement. Our water system failed to install optimal corrosion control treatment (OCCT) within the required timeframe, thereby violating a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The 05/08/2021 sampling results showed Lead levels in the water above the action level, so we submitted an OCCT recommendation to the NJ Division of Water Supply & Geoscience that was approved on 04/28/2022. The approved treatment should have been installed by 04/28/2024.

What does this mean?

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure:

- Run water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using for drinking or cooking, if it hasn't been used for several hours.
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.
- Do not boil the water to remove lead.
- Use alternate sources or treatment of water. You may want to consider using bottled water for drinking and cooking or a water filter designed to remove Lead and/or Copper. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce Lead and/or Copper or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance of standards for water filters. Be sure to maintain and replace a filter device in accordance with the manufacturer's standards to ensure water quality.
- Get your child tested. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for Lead if you are concerned about Lead exposure.

What is being done?

We have not failed for lead since 2021; however, we plan to install the required orthophosphate treatment by 11/5/24.

For more information, please contact Rob Sabo at (908)638-2152.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Voorhees High School

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